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SUBJECT: MISS LILLIAN'S VISIT TO ROME., FAO: MISS LILLIAN
ACCEPTANCE SPEECH FOR CERES MEDAL

1. THERE FOLLOW SOME SUGGESTED REMARKS FOR POSSIBLE USE
BY MISS LILLIAN AFTER RECEIVING THE CERES MEDAL.
- MR. DIRECTOR-GENERAL,

I WANT TO THANK YOU MOST SINCERELY FOR THIS CERES MEDAL,
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FOR ITS GRACEFUL DESIGN, AND FOR THE GENEROUS WORDS YOU
HAVE SPOKEN IN PRESENTING IT TO ME.
DISTINGUISHED GUESTS AND COLLABORATORS OF THE FAO,
I WANT TO THANK YOU FOR JOINING IN THIS CEREMONY AND
FOR GIVING ME THIS OPPORTUNITY TO SHARE WITH YOU
AND THROUGH YOU WITH THE MANY COUNTRIES AND MANY FRIENDS
YOU REPRESENT HERE A FEW OF MY THOUGHTS ABOUT WHAT
THIS MOMENT MEANS TO ME.
I COME FROM A PART OF THE UNITED STATES IN WHICH
WE HAD VERY LITTLE IN THE WAY OF MODERN AGRICULTURE-

OR MODERN LIVING CONVENIENCES EITHER- AS
RECENTLY AS 54 YEARS AGO WHEN I HAD MY FIRST SON,
JIMMY. I WAS FORTUNATE TO LIVE AT A TIME WHEN
ELECTRIC POWER REACHED OUR COMMUNITY, WHEN THE
FRUITS OF IMPORTANT SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH- FOR US
THE WORK OF GEORGE WASHINGTON CARVER ON PEANUTS
WERE MADE AVAILABLE TO US, WHEN MY SON WAS ABLE TO RECEIVE
A FULL PUBLIC SCHOOL EDUCATION, THE FIRST OF HIS
FAMILY TO DO SO AND ON THE BASIS OF HIS ACHIEVEMENTS,
TO GO ON TO UNIVERSITY LEVEL TRAINING AT THE NAVAL
ACADEMY.
THESE THINGS: ELECTRICITY, EDUCATION, APPLIED
SCIENTIFIC RESEARCH IN AGRICULTURE AND A LOT OF
HARD WORK CHANGED OUR LIVES IN A KIND OF PEACEFUL
REVOLUTION. WE WERE ABLE TO MAKE OUR LIVES MORE
COMFORTABLE, OUR COMMUNITY MORE PROSPEROUS, AND
TO LOOK BEYOND IT, RICH WITH THIS EXPERIENCE TO OUR
STATE OUR NATION AND THE WORLD BEYOND.
JIMMY, MY SON WOULD NOT HAVE HAD THE
OPPORTUNITY TO BECOME GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF
GEORGIA, AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES,
IF THESE FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE LIFE OF OUR
FAMILY HAD NOT OCCURRED IN THOSE DAYS OF WHAT WE CALLED THE
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NEW DEAL.WITHOUT THOSE CHANGES, I WOULD PROBABLY NOT HAVE
HAD THE OPPORTUNITY OR
THE INSPIRATION OR EVEN THE TIME TO JOIN THE
PEACE CORPS AND SERVE IN A VILLAGE IN INDIA
WHERE PEOPLE JUST AS WE DID ARE STRIVING TO BETTER
THEIR LIVES BY LEARNING TO APPLY NEW METHODS OF
HEALTH OF FAMILY PLANNING OF FARMING.
I KNOW THAT MANY OF YOU WHO WORK
IN FAO HAVE LIVED AS I HAVE WITH THE
DAILY PROBLEMS OF COURAGEOUS PEOPLE WORKING IN
HARD CIRCUMSTANCES. TO GIVE THEIR FAMILIES BETTER
OPPORTUNITIES, A BETTER CHANCE TO BE HEALTHY,
ADEQUATELY NOURISHED, EDUCATED AND USEFULLY
EMPLOYED. I ACCEPT THIS AWARD AS HONORING THAT EXPERIENCE AND
NOT BECAUSE MY SON IS PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES.
I ACCEPT THE AWARD TO HONOR THE IDEA OF GOING TO THE PLACES WHERE
LIFE IS DIFFICULT
IN ORDER TO SHARE USEFUL EXPERIENCE WITH PEOPLE WHO
NEED IT AND CAN BENEFIT DIRECTLY FROM IT

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THE PASSING ON OF RELEVANT EXPERIENCE IN AN
EFFECTIVE WAY IS WHAT TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE IS ALL
ABOUT. IT CAN HAPPEN AT MANY LEVELS AT CONFERENCES
AT SEMINARS AND THROUGH PUBLICATIONS AND TRAINING
PROGRAMS BUT IT HAPPENS MOST DIRECTLY AND MOST
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REWARDINGLY AT THE PLACES WHERE THE NEEDFUL
PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD LIVE AND WORK.
THESE ARE THE LIVING PLACES OF THE MAJORITY
OF THE PEOPLE OF THIS WORLD THOSE WHO WORK
IN FARMING IN FISHING AND IN FORESTRY. THESE
ARE THE PEOPLE WHO ARE BESEECHING US FOR IDEAS FOR
LEADERSHIP FOR TRAINING FOR RESOURCES AND AT TIMES
FOR THE FOOD THAT WILL KEEP THEM AND THEIR FAMILIES ALIVE
LONG ENOUGH FOR THESE NEEDED ELEMENTS TO COME WITHIN
REACH.
JIMMY CARTER, MY SON OF WHOM I AM VERY PROUD,
HAS ASKED ME TO GREET YOU, MR. DIRECTOR-GENERAL, AND
THE FRIENDS YOU HAVE ASSEMBLED HERE IN THE SPIRIT THAT
JOINS IN THIS OCCASSION. I MEAN THE SPIRIT

OF GOING OUT TO MEET THE NEEDS OF THE POOR AND THE
HUNGRY ESPECIALLY OF THOSE WHO ARE READY
AND EAGER TO RESPOND TO WHAT WE CAN INSTAKING WORK WHICH IT TAKES TO
LEARN
AND APPLY SOMETHING NEW. HE KNOWS AS YOU AND I
DO THAT THESE NEEDS ARE VAST AND PROBABLY GROWING
AT LEAST AS RAPIDLY AS WE CAN MEET THEM. NONE
OF US HAS A MONOPOLY ON THE ANSWERS. NO NATION
OF INSTITUTION CAN DO THE JOB ALONE.
THAT IS WHY MY MESSAGE TO YOU TODAY IS THAT WE
MUST WORK TOGETHER. WE CANNOT AFFORD THE
WASTE THAT DERIVES FROM TOO MUCH PRIDE, FROM
COMPETITION OR DISTRUST BETWEEN NATIONS OR
INSTITUTIONS DEDICATED TO THIS TASK. WE MUST ON
EVERY LEVEL SHARE THE TASKS SO THAT
MAXIMUM BENEFITS DERIVE FROM WHAT WE CAN CONTRIBUTE.
WE MUST COPY UNASHAMEDLY AND CHEERFULLY THE TECHNIQUES
WHICH WORK THE BEST.

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THE FAO AS THE FIRST OF THE UN
INSTITUTIONS TO BE BORN OUT THE WARTIME PERIOD,
HAS THE OBLIGATION TO SHOW US THE WAY. IT CAN DO
THIS THROUGH ITS SKILLS AND THROUGH ITS VAST NETWORK OF
PROFESSIONAL CONTACTS WHICH YOU, MR. DIRECTOR-GENERAL
ARE SO ENERGETICALLY FOCUSING ON WORK IN THE FIELD.
IT CAN ALSO DO THIS THROUGH THE EXAMPLE OF
LEADERSHIP INFORMED BY A SENSE OF HUMILITY WHICH
COMES NATURALLY TO THOSE MOST AWARE OF THE STAGGERING
SIZE OF THE JOB AHEAD OF US.
THROUGH YOU ALL AND WITH YOU WE MUST CREATE
THAT SAME PEACEFUL REVOLUTION OF THE FARMS AND
IN THE VILLAGES OF THE WORLD THAT LOOKING
BACK TO THE SOURCE OF THIS MEDAL I AM PROUD TO
CELEBRATE TODAY AS THE TURNING POINT OF MY LIFE
AND THAT OF MY FAMILY AND MY COUNTRY.
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